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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, ODCI

THROUGH: Executive Secretary, ODCI

FROM:
Chairman, DCI/MAG

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SUBJECT: DCI/MAG Issue Statement; Approved Charter

1. Attached for your consideration is a DCI/MAG Issue Statement concerning misperceptions of polygraph examination procedures.

2. Attached also is DCI/MAG charter which was written by last year's DCI/MAG and approved by the present DCI/MAG on 13 January 1986.

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Attachments

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DCI/MAG ISSUE STATEMENT

ISSUE: Concerns About Polygraph Examination Procedures

BACKGROUND: Rumors abound regarding aggressive or hostile behavior by polygraph examiners in sessions with new hires and current Agency employees. There also exists a widespread lack of confidence among Agency employees in the accuracy of the polygraph as a reliable security check. While the DCI/MAG cannot corroborate the rumors with specific instances of misconduct and acknowledges that safeguards and channels to prevent abuse exist, the pervasiveness of the negative attitude towards the polygraph examination strongly suggests that there is at least a significant problem in perception which has a negative impact on Agency morale.

RECOMMENDATION: The MAG suggests that the Office of Security consider an Agency-wide effort to educate employees regarding the polygraph, including procedures, its value and reliability, and safeguards that exist against abuse. As a part of this effort the Office of Security should conduct yearly sessions in the Headquarters auditorium to address issues and respond to employee concerns.

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